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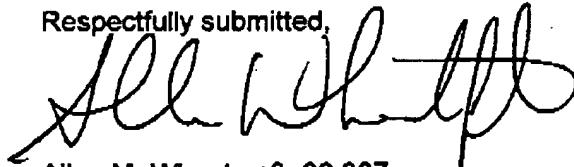
Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Patent Application:

1. Amendment to Office Action (6 pages),
2. Petition For Extension of Time (1 page), and
3. Reference (1)

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Respectfully submitted,



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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed September 29, 2004, please amend the present patent application as follows and reconsider the application in light of the amendments and the subsequent remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1,2, 3, 11, 12 and 13 as follows: